

June 19, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6417.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LIVESTOCK MARKET

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation concluded hearings to examine current cattle market developments, focusing on recent reports issued by a Department of Agriculture Advisory Committee to investigate market concentration (a condition in which a few firms possess a large share) in the agriculture industry, and pricing and procurement methods currently used by major meatpackers, and Administration initiatives to provide feed assistance and stabilize cattle markets, after receiving testimony from Senators Burns and Thomas; Michael V. Dunn, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs; J. Patrick Boyle, American Meat Institute, Arlington, Virginia; George Swan, Rogerson, Idaho, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Wayne D. Purcell, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg; and Carl Jensen, Iowa Cattlemen's Association, Everly.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on H.R. 3610, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, after receiving testimony from numerous public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations approved for full committee consideration, with amendments, H.R. 3540, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

APPROPRIATIONS—NIH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the National Institutes of Health, receiving testimony from Harold Varmus, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, July 16.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction approved for full committee consideration, with amendments, H.R. 3517, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the Federal Communications Commission implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, after receiving testimony from Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, and James H. Quello, Susan Ness, and Rachelle B. Chong, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission; Kenneth McClure, Missouri Public Service Commission, and Martha S. Hogerty, Missouri Office of the Public Counsel, both of Jefferson City; Laska Schoenfelder, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Pierre; Sharon L. Nelson, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Olympia; and Julia Johnson, Florida Public Service Commission, Tallahassee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee began markup of S. 1730, to strengthen and improve provisions of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and to ensure that citizens and communities injured by oil spills are promptly and fully compensated, S. 1636, to designate the United States Courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon, as the "Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse", H.R. 3364, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 235 North Washington Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the "William J. Nealon Federal Building and United States Courthouse", H.R. 1772, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex, H.R. 2660, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge in Louisiana, H.R. 2679, to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge in Nebraska, H.R. 2982, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama, S. 1802, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming, and S. 1871, to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge in

Rhode Island, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL WITNESS SECURITY PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the effectiveness of the Department of Justice witness security program created under the Organized Crime Act of 1970 to protect witnesses who testify against traditional organized crime figures, after receiving testimony from John C. Keeney, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Eugene L. Coon, Jr., Acting Assistant Director, United States Marshals Service, Patrick H. Nemoyer, United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, and Peter M. Carlson, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, all of the Department of Justice; Steven P. Wood, Delaware Deputy Attorney General, and Alisa Pennington, both of Wilmington, Delaware; James Peter Basile and George Taylor,

both former program participants; and a current program participant.

ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings to examine the role of the Federal Depository Library Program of the Government Printing Office in ensuring public access to Government information, receiving testimony from Wayne P. Kelley, Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office; Daniel P. O'Mahony, Brown University Library, Providence, Rhode Island, on behalf of the Federal Depository Library Council; Betty J. Turock, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Library Association, American Association of Law Libraries, Association of Research Libraries, and the Special Libraries Association; and Christie D. Vernon, Yorktown, Virginia.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3662–3672; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 189, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3662, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–625);

H.R. 3572, to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge" (H. Rept. 104–626);

H. Res. 455, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3662) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–627);

H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–628); and

Supplemental report on H.R. 1858, to reduce paperwork and additional regulatory burdens for depository institutions (H. Rept. 104–193, Part II).

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Anti-Car Theft Improvements: H.R. 2803, amended, to amend the anti-car theft provisions of title 49, United States Code, to increase the utility of motor vehicle title information to State and Federal law enforcement officials;

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Church Arson Prevention: H.R. 3525, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas, Roll No. 248);

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William H. Natcher Bridge: H.R. 3572, to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge"; and

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Single Audit Act: S. 1579, to streamline and improve the effectiveness of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly referred to as the "Single Audit Act").

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Suspensions—Votes Postponed: House completed all debate on motions to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Votes were postponed until Wednesday, June 19.